PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice to Water Users (Pursuant to Section 85-2-307, MCA)

The following application has been submitted to appropriate water in the State of Montana.

THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION PROPOSES TO GRANT AN APPLICATION FOR BENEFICIAL WATER USE PERMIT. DESCRIBED BELOW ARE THE PERTINENT FACTS WHICH SUMMARIZE THE APPLICATION. THE PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION (PD) DOCUMENTING THE FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ANY CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE WATER RIGHT ARE AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET AT http://www.dnrc.mt.gov/wrd/.

OBJECTION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 27, 2017. THE DEPARTMENT CAN ONLY ACCEPT OBJECTIONS FILED ON AN OBJECTION TO APPLICATION, FORM 611. MAIL THE COMPLETED FORM AND THE \$25.00 FILING FEE TO THE DNRC, PO BOX 201601, HELENA, MT 59620-1601 BY THE DEADLINE SPECIFIED. THE FORM IS AVAILABLE ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE.

DIRECT ANY QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE APPLICATION, TO OBTAIN THE PD OR OBJECTION FORM TO THE WATER RESOURCES OFFICE AT 1371 RIMTOP DRIVE, BILLINGS, MT 59105-1978, PHONE: 406-247-4419.

IF ISSUED, THE RIGHT WILL BE SUBJECT TO PRIOR EXISTING WATER RIGHTS.

Application Number: 43Q 30104577

Owners: VERDE MEADOWS 1 INC

PO BOX 80445 BILLINGS, MT 59108

Priority Date: APRIL 5, 2016 at 09:45 A.M.
Purpose (use): MULTIPLE DOMESTIC

LAWN AND GARDEN

Maximum Flow Rate: 141.87 GPM
Maximum Volume: 30.61 AC-FT

Maximum Acres: 11.02

Source Name: GROUNDWATER
Source Type: GROUNDWATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

<u>ID</u> <u>Govt Lot</u> <u>Qtr Sec</u> <u>Sec</u> <u>Twp</u> <u>Rge</u> <u>County</u>

1 S2NESE 4 1S 25E YELLOWSTONE

Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Diversion Means: WELL

THERE WILL BE 16 WELLS WITHIN THE LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION.

Purpose (Use): MULTIPLE DOMESTIC

Households: 9

Volume: 3.06 AC-FT

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 to DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

ID Acres Govt Lot Qtr Sec Sec Twp Rge County

1 S2NESE 4 1S 25E YELLOWSTONE

Purpose (Use): LAWN AND GARDEN

Volume: 27.55 AC-FT

Period of Use: MAY 15 to OCTOBER 15

Place of Use:

IDAcresGovt LotQtr SecSecTwpRgeCounty111.02S2NESE41S25EYELLOWSTONE

Total: 11.02

Remarks:

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

WELL LOGS: THE APPROPRIATOR SHALL REQUIRE THE LAND OWNER PROVIDE A COPY OF THE WELL LOG TO THE APPROPRIATOR WITHIN 90 DAYS OF COMPLETION OF THE WELL. THE APPROPRIATOR SHALL PROVIDE A COPY OF THE WELL LOG TO THE WATER RESOURCES REGIONAL OFFICE BY JANUARY 31 OF EACH YEAR.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

NOTIFICATION REQUIRED: THE APPROPRIATOR SHALL RECORD A DOCUMENT IN THE COURTHOUSE

THAT SHALL NOTIFY ALL CURRENT AND FUTURE LAND OWNERS ON LOTS 1 THROUGH 16 THAT 1) ONLY ONE WELL MAY BE DRILLED ON EACH LOT; 2) THE WELL MUST BE NO DEEPER THAN 120 FEET BELOW GROUND SURFACE; 3) THAT WATER USE MUST BE MEASURED AND RECORDED AS DESCRIBED IN THIS PERMIT; 4) A COPY OF THE WELL LOG MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE APPROPRIATOR; AND 5) A WATER RIGHT CANNOT BE OWNED BY A PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL, BUT MUST BE HELD IN THE NAME OF THE HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION. THE APPROPRIATOR SHALL PROVIDE A COPY OF THE RECORDED DOCUMENT IDENTIFYING THESE RESTRICTIONS, FOR EACH LAND OWNER, TO THE WATER RESOURCES REGIONAL OFFICE BY JANUARY 31 OF EACH YEAR.

WATER MEASUREMENT INFORMATION

THE APPROPRIATOR SHALL REQUIRE LAND OWNERS OF LOTS 1 THROUGH 16 TO INSTALL A DEPARTMENT APPROVED WATER USE MEASURING DEVICE. WATER MUST NOT BE DIVERTED FROM THE WELL UNTIL THE REQUIRED MEASURING DEVICE IS IN PLACE AND OPERATING. THE APPROPRIATOR SHALL REQUIRE THE LAND OWNER KEEP YEARLY WRITTEN RECORD OF THE FLOW RATE AND VOLUME OF ALL WATER DIVERTED FROM JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31. THE LAND OWNER WATER USE RECORDS SHALL BE COMPILED AND SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT BY JANUARY 31 OF EACH YEAR AND UPON REQUEST AT OTHER TIMES DURING THE YEAR. FAILURE TO SUBMIT REPORTS MAY BE CAUSE FOR REVOCATION OF A PERMIT OR CHANGE. THE RECORDS MUST BE SENT TO THE BILLINGS WATER RESOURCES REGIONAL OFFICE. THE APPROPRIATOR SHALL ENSURE EACH MEASURING DEVICE IS MAINTAINED SO IT ALWAYS OPERATES PROPERLY AND MEASURES FLOW RATE AND VOLUME ACCURATELY.

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